

South Carolina HOPE Scholarship

During the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly approved the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship Program. The S.C. HOPE Scholarship will provide funding in the amount of up to \$2,500 (not to exceed the cost of attendance), plus a \$150 book allowance, to first-time entering freshman for the first year of attendance only. If the student earns a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, 30 credit hours during the freshman year and meet all LIFE Scholarship eligibility requirements, then the student would qualify for the LIFE Scholarship at an eligible four-year public or independent institution. The Commission on Higher Education will promulgate regulations and establish procedures to administer the provisions of the scholarship program for the fall 2002 term.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be eligible for a S.C. HOPE Scholarship, a student must meet ALL of the following minimum requirements:

- Earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale at the end of the senior year;
- Graduate from a South Carolina public or private high school or complete an approved South Carolina home school program;
- Be a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in applicable State statutes or must have been a dependent of a SC Resident at the time of high school graduation;
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State residency statutes;
- Attend an eligible South Carolina four-year public institution as defined in Section 59-103-5 or a four-year independent institution as defined in Section 59-113-50 as a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) degree-seeking undergraduate student;
- Certify that he or she has not been convicted of any felonies and has not been convicted of any alcohol or drug-related offenses within the past academic year;
- Certify that he or she is not in default and does not owe a refund or repayment on Federal or State aid; and
- Must not be a LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient